Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The policy of the Government was criticised and we opposed that.

President.—The House is adjourned to 2-30.

The House rose for lunch at 1-35 p. m. and met again at 2-35 p. m. with the Deputy President in the chair.

(4) VI. Excise—Rs. 700.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 700 under VI—Excise. The amount is required for the payment of remission in respect of toddy shop No. 285 of 1105 of Edakkunni Village. The shop had to be removed from the site originally fixed to a place outside the boundary on account of certain public complaints. The licensee complained that he suffered loss on account of this transfer and claimed remission of some amount. On that account Government was pleased to allow him a remission of Rs. 700. There is no allotment provided in the budget because this was not anticipated then. That is the reason for this demand for additional allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the same.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How many months after the bid that the shop was closed?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Some three or four months after the bid was made. On account of certain public complaint, the shop had to be removed outside the boundary. The licensee complained that he has suffered loss on account of this transfer. Orders were passed only this year upon that complaint. There was no provision made in the budget on this account because it was not anticipated. The orders were passed only this year. The amount is not paid, pending the sanction of the Council for the grant.

Deputy President.—There is a cut motion in your name, Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't want to press.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 700 under VI.—Excise.*

As the Member did not move the motion, it was considered withdrawn.

Demand put and was carried.

(5) VI.—Excise—Rs. 1,200.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 1,200 under VI—Excise—Miscellaneous. The amount is required for the purpose of paying the cost of a weighing machine purchased from Messrs. Averry and Co., Madras, for the use of the Malipuram Depot. It was provided in the budget of 1105, but when the machine was received here it was found that the box of the

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machine, which is the most important part, was broken in there places. So, it had to be returned to the Company with a request to supply a fresh one. They had to write to their Head Office to get the new supply and it was only this year, a few days ago that the new machine was received here. Thinking that the amount could be paid in 1105 itself no amount was provided in this year's budget. That is the reason why I have come for this additional grant. The Council may be pleased to grant it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I wish to know, sir, why contractors should not be paid rebate duties for jettisoned salt? Government have been paying for salt jettisoned off, on the way from Bombay to Cochin. Sometimes salt, on account of difficulties of voyage is jettisoned. The Government were paying rebate of duty for that amount to some contractors and some contractors are being denied that. May I know the reason?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—When there are sufficient grounds to grant remission of duty, Government grants it. The contractors have agreed to supply a fixed quantity of salt. If they commit default in the supply of the whole quantity they have unconditionally agreed to pay duty on the quantity short-delivered whether the short-delivery was due to jettisoning or other causes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I put the question why the other contractors are paid.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It all depends upon the terms of the agreement. The present agreement is to the effect that the contractors would unconditionally pay the duty on all short deliveries.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't press.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,200—under VI.—Excise.*

As the Member did not move his motion, it was considered witharawn.

The Demand of Rs. 1,200—under IV.—Excise—was then put and carried.

(6) XIV. **Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment Rs. 265.**

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 265 under 14, "Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment".

In introducing the budget estimate of the current year I observed that a provision of Rs. 320 has been made for a test audit of the grant-in-aid bills by a reference to the original departmental records, being for the pay of two auditors on Rs. 40 for a period of 4 months each. In actual working, however, the temporary hands entertained were paid at Rs. 40 and Rs. 25 only,

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thus effecting a saving of Rs. 15 per month. By the end of Thulam, 2¼ months out of the sanctioned period it is found that the number of bills audited have come to 2,470 only whereas according to the original forecast about 5/8 of the work should have been completed by the time. The work so far turned out roughly works out to a fourth portion and by the end of the full period of 4 months the work that can be expected to be turned out would be only 2/5 leaving 3/5 of the same yet to be done. From the experience gained so far I am inclined to think that a period of at least 5 months more may be required for completing the work of one year. This being a trial audit taken up for the first time, on the results of which depend the broad issue, whether it is to be made permanent or not, every possible check is being made and no stone is being left unturned so that the magnitude of the importance to be attached to the audit of these may be properly gauged. Calculating at the rate of Rs. 65 a month the cost of the establishment required for the further period of 5 months would come to Rs. 325, deducting from this the savings of Rs. 60, already referred to in the original provision, the net amount of additional allotment required would be Rs. 265. I request that the Council may be pleased to grant the additional allotment.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 265 under XIV—Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment.*

As the Member did not move the motion it was considered withdrawn.

The motion for the supplementary grant of Rs. 265 under XIV—Accounts and Finance was put and carried.

(7) XV. Law and Justice—A. Law Department—Rs. 300.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under the head XV A—Law and Justice—Vakil's Fee. The budget allotment is only Rs. 300 a year and that for the Anjikaimal Sirkar Vakil, Trichur Sirkar Vakil and the Government Advocate together. Last year, the Anjikaimal Sirkar Vakil was directed to conduct certain sensational cases in the Mukundapuram Magistrate's Court—serious cases they were. On that account, the Government had to incur certain expenses which were unforeseen. As the amount could not be drawn from last year's budget, we thought we could take it out of this year's provision. This year the Government Advocate had a sessions case in the Anjikaimal Court to attend to. That too was thus unavailable. I, therefore, move for the additional allotment.

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